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1 AN ACT Relating to preferred drug substitutions; and amending RCW
2 69.41.190.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.41.190 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 29 s 5 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
7 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (a) "Nonpreferred drug" means all other drugs in the same
9 therapeutic class as any preferred drug.

10 (b) "Preferred drug" means any drug that is preferred pursuant to
11 an evidence-based prescription drug program established under RCW
12 70.14.050.

13 (2) Any pharmacist filling a prescription under a state purchased
14 health care program as defined in RCW 41.05.011(2) shall substitute,
15 where identified, a preferred drug for any nonpreferred drug in a given
16 therapeutic class, unless the endorsing practitioner has indicated on
17 the prescription that the nonpreferred drug must be dispensed as
18 written, or the prescription is for a refill of an antipsychotic,

1 antidepressant, chemotherapy, antiretroviral, or immunosuppressive
2 drug, in which case the pharmacist shall dispense the prescribed
3 nonpreferred drug.

4 ~~((2))~~ (3) When a substitution is made under subsection ~~((1))~~
5 (2) of this section, the dispensing pharmacist shall notify the
6 prescribing practitioner of the specific drug and dose dispensed.

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